(c) Value of export earnings of marine products during 1984 and 1985 are:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

	1984	1985
I Quarter:	101.70	100.49
II Quarter:	81.86	87.660
III Quarter:	88.45	90.09
IV Quarter;	113.48	—

Arrears of provident fund contribution

2935. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *ALIAS* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how much arrears of Provident Fund contribution are due from unexempted and exempted establishments; and

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to resolve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) As on 31-3-1985, the total amount of arrears of EPF contribution from unexempted and exempted establishments were Rs. 52.30 crores and Rs. 63.92 crores respectively;

(b) The EPF Organisation have taken the following measures to realise the outstanding dues:-

(1) 5148 revenue recovery certificates were filed under section 8 of the EPF Act;

(2) 5446 prosecution cases were launched under section 14 of the EPF Act against the defaulters;

(3) 832 complaints were filed under section 406|409 IPC against employers who had deducted the provident fund contribution from the wages of the employees but not deposited the same;

(4) Special revenue recovery cells with Tehsildars and supporting staff have been set up in Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for expediting the execution of revenue recovery certificates;

(5) RPFCs have been advised to approach the trial courts to club all prosecution cases against same employers|establishments for trial at the same time.

Concept of employment exchange and employment

2936. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the judgement of Andhra Pradesh High Court delivered on September 4, 1985 shaking the very concept of Employment Exchange and Employment;

(b) whether the court has advised any amendment to the Employment Exchange Act, 1959; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Government is aware of the judgement of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The Government has filed a Special Leave Petition alongwith the petition for the stay of the judgement, in the Supreme Court.

Strike in textile mills in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry

2937. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry have intimated the Central Government about the textile mills strike in their region; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to reopen the said mills and what were the reasons for closure of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) No formal reports have been received from the Governments of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry regarding the strike in textile mills from 9-11-1985 demanding bonus in excess of minimum bonus admissible under the Bonus Act. The strike was, however, called off from 23-11-1985, following acceptance by the Mill Managements of the proposal of the Tamilnadu Labour Minister to pay in addition to statutory bonus Rs. 300 to permanent and badli workers and Rs. 200 to other workers. In the case of the NTC Mills in Tamilnadu and Pondicherry, the strike was called off following an agreement reached between the NTC Management and Trade Unions on 6-12-1985 according to which while the workmen were to be paid bonus as per the Payment of Bonus Act, a recoverable advance equivalent to 9 days' wages would be paid to eligible workers and a scheme for productivity-linked-incentives would be prepared by February 1986 which would be applicable after approval by the Government of India.

Raid at the presemiss of the Manager, Connaught Place, Delhi Branch of Punjab and Sind Bank

2938. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a raid was conducted at the premises of Shri Batra, Manager of Connaught Place, Delhi Bran, ch of the Punjab and Sind Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details of the assets and documents seized;

(c) whether any assets|documents seized from the premises/lockers of Shri Batra, who is alleged to be very close to the Chairman of the Bank. Shri A. S. Bagga, belonged to either Shri Baggal his children or any other officers of the Bank;

(d) whether Government have initiated any enquiry to ascertain the correctness of the charge that the concerned persons have filed their income-tax returns in back dates and have included the assets, etc., seized in these raids; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof and what are the details of the action taken against Shri Batra and others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some documents including a cheque for US dollar 1560 dt. 30-9-82 were seized.

(c) No, Sir. However, some transactions in the seized documents appear to pertain to Shri A.S. Bagga and his family.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and will be furnished.

Government Deposits and Receipts

2939. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rule that Government deposits and receipts will only be operated with the State Bank of India; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to relax the rules so that the deposits and receipts can also be operated through all the nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

Loan to medium and mall scale industries in Pondicherry

2940. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Finance Corporation and other commercial banks have advanced loan to many medium scale and small scale industries in Pondicherry;